GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:361
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2016
Corporatisation of Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposesto convert the major ports into Corporatecompanies and if so, the details and thebenefits likely to accrue as a result thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposesto retain the existing provision of Union"srepresentative in the Board of Directors inthe aftermath of corporatisation of portsand if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposesto take any measure to ensure that theinterests of Union and labourers are notcompromised as a result of suchcorporatisation and if so, the details thereof;and
(d) whether the Government has takensteps to develop and modernise major portsand if so, the details thereof along withfunds made available for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING
(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.361 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST 2016 RAISED BY SHRI ARVIND SAWANT REGARDING "CORPORATISATION OF PORTS".

(a)to(c):No, Madam. There is no proposal to convert the Major Ports into Corporate companies. A proposal to replace the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 is under consideration of the Government with a view to modernise the institutional structure of the Major Ports and to secure greater operational freedom for the ports, in tune with present day requirements. In the proposal under consideration, the interest of Labour has been taken care by providing for a Labour nominee in the Board of each Port Authority.
(d) Yes, Madam. Modernisation of ports is a continuous process through construction and mechanisation of berths, installation of state of the art equipment and expansion of port capacity including through creation of new ports. During last 3 years (in the year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16), Ministry of Shipping has awarded 86 projects with an estimated investment of Rs.46588.17 crores involving capacity addition of 534.90 million tonnes.
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